

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (New) A device for securing a handle of a bike having collapsible front and rear frame sections after the frame sections are collapsed together and the handle is removed from a front fork tube of the bike, the device comprising:

(a) the handle including a hollow vertical rod terminating in a bottom end having a sloped bottom end surface;

(b) a threaded rod disposed within the vertical rod and having a bottom end protruding from the sloped bottom end surface of the vertical rod;

(c) a column-shaped tightening member having a center threaded hole in threaded engagement with the threaded rod and a sloped upper surface for engaging the sloped bottom end surface of the threaded rod upon rotation of the threaded rod, whereby the longitudinal axes of the vertical rod and tightening member being in coaxial alignment prior to rotation of the threaded rod; and

(d) a fixed tube mounted to the rear frame section of the bike, the fixed tube having a hollow interior of sufficient diameter for receiving the tightening member and the bottom end of the vertical rod such that upon rotation of the threaded rod, the sloped bottom end surface of the vertical rod is forceably engaged by the sloped upper surface of the tightening member to move the longitudinal axes of the vertical rod and tightening member out of coaxial alignment and causing the tightening member and bottom end of the vertical rod to engage the interior of the fixed tube for securing the handle to the rear frame section.

6. (New) The bike handle securing device of claim 5, wherein the threaded rod

includes an upper end and an operating rod pivotally connected to the upper end for rotating the threaded rod.

7. (New) The bike handle securing device of claim 5, wherein the tightening member includes a plurality of straight ribs formed on a longer sidewall thereof for increasing friction during engagement of the sidewall against the interior wall of the fixed tube.

8. (New) The bike securing device of claim 5, wherein the fixed tube includes an outer end and further including a protective cover for closing the outer end to prevent debris from entering the fixed tube.